

Mrs. A. B. Smith of Boonville, is visiting her mother in this city, Mrs. Anne Wright.

Marquess Wallace is at Waynesboro, Va., where he will teach in Fishburne Military Academy.

J. A. Glandon of Mexico will again be clerk of the races for Missouri State Fair, which opens next week.

"Judge" Quisenberry of Laddonia was in Mexico first of the week on business with his friend, E. P. Burns.

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Mrs. Chas. Lewis and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Austin Lewis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Latney Barnes at Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Homer Southwick and Mrs. John Beal are attending the State meeting of the Eastern Star which is in session in St. Louis.

Dr. P. E. Coil was taken to St. Louis last week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. At last reports he was getting along nicely.

Miss Annette Smith of Booneville has entered Hardin College for the school year. She will have her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Anne Wright.

Miss Amelia Knoebel, teacher of Molino School, has an enrollment of 40 pupils. It is an interesting school and all are getting down to earnest work.

The Mexico Athletics went to Columbia Sunday where with a Columbia aggregation against them in a game of base ball the Athletics went down to defeat by a score of 7 to 1.

Miss Phyllis Frost, daughter of Mrs. Lily Herald Frost, editor of the Vandalia Leader, will be a student in Hardin College this year. She will have her home here with her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Cunningham.

The Mexico Christian Church has extended a call to Rev. H. P. Atkins of Birmingham, Alabama, to be its pastor. Rev. Atkins is said to be one of the ablest men of the Christian, or Disciple's denomination. We sincerely hope he may come to Mexico.

E. E. Laws, who married Miss Frances Reed of Mexico, and who is a nephew of T. A. Laws here, has been made assistant manager of the large implement firm with which he has been connected for some time in Kansas City. Mr. Laws is a most worthy young man and is a hustler from the word go.

W. K. Turner, secretary of the Commercial Club of Carrollton, was in Mexico Monday. He with R. E. Race, secretary of the local club, are, this week, routing and mapping the cross-state highway thru New Franklin, Mexico, Moberly, and Carrollton. Mr. Turner and Mr. Race went to New Franklin to begin their work. It is sought to have more of the St. Louis-Kansas City travel pass thru these towns.

**BOX SUPPER.**  
There will be a box supper at Bryan School House Saturday night, September 23. Everybody invited.

**REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS.**  
HON. HENRY LAMM, Candidate for Governor.  
HON. GEO. E. HACKMAN, Candidate for State Auditor.  
HON. JOHN C. MCKINLEY, ex-Lieutenant-Governor, will speak at the Court House, Mexico, Missouri, Monday, September 25, 1916, at 1:30 p. m. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

**SOUTHEAST OF MEXICO.**  
Misses Nina and Ella Machin, Ociola Clapper and Hazel Johnson were Sunday callers at L. R. Larkin's.  
Ernest Kunkel's driving horse ran away Saturday morning. Consequently Ernest was late for school as the horse was headed the other way.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family and Mrs. Lydia Clapper spent Sunday in the Santa Fe neighborhood. The ice cream supper at Jackson Friday night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Especially interesting was the program given by the children. About \$13 was taken in.

## CIRCUIT COURT

There is a noted case in the Circuit Court this week from Kansas City. It is predicted that it may take two weeks to dispose of it. It is the case of Mrs. Mattie C. Peltzer against the London Guaranty and accident company to recover \$30,000 upon an accident policy issued to her husband, Theo. C. Peltzer. The Plaintiff's husband fell to his death from a fifth-story window in the Scarritt Building in Kansas City a year since. The widow asks \$6,000 as "a reasonable attorney's fee," together with \$3,000 for "vexatious refusal to pay" in addition to the amount of the policy, making a total of \$39,000 for which she sues. Defendant, in answer to plaintiff's petition, asserted that Peltzer, through fraudulent acts, as real estate agent and buyer of securities, forged notes and other instruments and sold the forged papers to innocent persons. It was alleged that Peltzer had become involved through fraudulent transactions to the extent of many thousands of dollars. Defense asserted that his death did not result from an accident, but that he committed suicide when it became apparent his alleged fraudulent schemes were about to become known.

In an amended answer the defendant alleged that Theo. C. Peltzer and his brother, Herman J. Peltzer, formed a suicide pact and that Herman Peltzer attempted suicide. Plaintiff's answer formally admitted the fraudulent acts of Theo. C. Peltzer, but denied the allegation that Peltzer contemplated suicide at the time he contracted for insurance from the defendant insurance company.

Frank P. Walsh, the noted politician, is one of the attorneys for the plaintiff.

W. F. Atkinson won two suits in the court this week which were pending against him—The Crown Iron Insurance Co. vs. W. F. Atkinson and the Bank & Loan Trust Co., of Iowa, vs. W. F. Atkinson.

In the matter of Lola Meyers et al of Vandalia, an action to break the will of Dora McPike, the verdict was for the defendant.

In the matter of Mary Elizabeth Nelson against the estate of Annie Poorman, for the care of Mrs. Poorman during her last illness, the jury was instructed to render a verdict for defendant.

In the matter of T. M. Monroe vs. the C. & A. R. R., motion for new trial, same was overruled, appeal taken to the Supreme Court. The suit was for \$25,000. Dr. Monroe and his auto were run into several years ago by a C. & A. train at Laddonia and the Doctor suffered a broken leg and other injuries.

Motion by defendant for new trial in the case of W. E. Cunningham vs. the C. & A. R. R., overruled. Defendant appeals to the Supreme Court.

Joe Weinand was fined \$362.50 for violation of the local option law instead of \$62.50, as the Message stated last week.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Mildred E. Bowles, deceased, late of Audrain County, Missouri, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said county, bearing date August 15th, 1916.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said Letters or they be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

John W. HOWELL,  
First publication Administrator,  
Sept 7th, 1916.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, I will, on Monday, the second day of October, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 5:00 o'clock p. m. on said date at the east front door of the Court House in Mexico, Missouri, sell at public auction, for cash, certificate of stock No. 27 for 10-6-10 shares in the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company of Mexico, Mo., which stock belongs to the estate of W. L. Harper, deceased, and which is ordered sold by me, as administrator of said estate, to pay the costs and debts of said estate.

W. W. Harper,  
Administrator.

**Often at This Time of The Year**  
The old cook-stove has a way of giving out. We have anticipated your wants and have them ready to show for \$12, \$14, \$20, \$25 up to \$32.

L. R. FERRIS.

## HOWARD A. GASS, STATE SCHOOL HEAD, IS DEAD

Dies Suddenly at His Home in Jefferson City—Born and Reared in Audrain County—End Comes Suddenly.



Howard A. Gass, State Superintendent of Schools, died Monday night at 8:30 after an illness of several weeks of yellow jaundice. His death had been expected for four or five days.

Mr. Gass was born in Audrain county August 22, 1852, and was educated in the common schools and at the Mexico, Mo., Academy.

He was married in 1876 to Miss Josephine Shell of Audrain County, who, with two children, Ray Gass of Jefferson City, and Mrs. John Miller of Vermont, survive him. Also two brothers survive him, John P. Gass of Sedalia, W. K. Gass of Laddonia.

Probably, no man has been more prominently or more consecutively identified with educational work in Missouri. In 1885 he was elected County School Commissioner of Audrain County and was re-elected in 1887, resigning later to become Assistant State Superintendent of Education under the late W. E. Coleman.

He continued in this position under L. E. Wolfe, who succeeded Coleman. In the meantime he had founded the Missouri School Journal, and in 1893 he resigned from the Department of Education to devote his entire time to that publication.

This paper he owned and edited up to the time of his death. He returned to the Department of Education under W. T. Carrington, as statistician and filled the position until 1906, when he was elected State Superintendent. He was re-nominated in 1910, but was defeated in the landslide of that year by his Republican opponent, W. A. Evans, of St. Louis.

In 1914 he again was nominated by the Democrats and this time defeated Mr. Evans, who had been re-nominated by the Republicans. His term of office would have expired in January, 1919.

His death at the comparatively early age of 63, is regarded as distinct loss to the educational interests of Missouri.

Mr. Gass was a true friend of this newspaper. He was a manly man. One of the best fellows we ever knew.

### JUDGE WILLIAMS DEAD.

Distinguished Jurist Passes Away Suddenly—Was a Brother of Mrs. H. B. Barks of Mexico.

Judge William M. Williams, former Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court, and one of the State's leading attorneys, died suddenly at his home at Booneville Tuesday morning.

Judge Williams was appointed to the Supreme Bench by Gov. Stephens in 1898 to succeed Judge Shepherd Barclay, who resigned. He declined to seek re-election when his term was over.

Mr. Williams had been ill several years. His death was caused by hardening of the arteries. He was one of the most widely known attorneys in the State and frequently has been considered as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Mr. Williams was 66 years old and was born in Booneville. He was a brother of Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism of the State University, and also was a brother of Mrs. H. B. Barks of Mexico. He was president of the Missouri Bar Association in 1903 and was a delegate to the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists at the World's Fair in 1904. He is survived by his widow, five daughters, and a son, R. V. Williams, who was associated with his father in the practice of law.

Mrs. Mark Pilcher and daughter, Miss Mabel, are visiting relatives in Virginia.

## Beginning Sept. 27, Ending Oct 3, we will Demonstrate the South Bend Malleable Range

This Range has the patented Keystone, Copper-bearing, aluminum - fused, rust-resisting, metal flue linings. Will not rust. The creosote in the wood and coal smoke does not effect this metal as it does all other flue linings made of steel. This Range Company contracts the entire output of this metal. You can't buy another range with this everlasting lining in it. Come in and bring your friends.

**\$10.00**

Worth of Nice Aluminum Ware FREE With Each Range Sold During the Above Week.

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### "FIGHTING JOHNNY" ROGERS

Formerly of Mexico, Old and Feeble, Turns on the Latest Purchase of Booze He Gets in Columbia.

Almost blind from continual drinking, gray-haired and feeble, "Fighting Johnnie" Rogers, 84 years old, a local police character, took the stand yesterday to help convict Amos Shields, a negro bootlegger and former friend; so says the Columbia Missourian.

Shields was fined \$300 and costs by Police Judge Edwards and in failure to pay the fine was locked up in the city jail. Shields says he will appeal the case.

"Fighting Johnnie," who was nicknamed by police officials because of his fighting mood when intoxicated, testified in police court that he had purchased a pint of whiskey from Shields two weeks ago, and that the whiskey made him so drunk that he engaged in battle royal at his home. He insisted that the liquor was "doped" because it made him drunk suddenly.

Rogers was accompanied in court by his ten-year-old son, Raymond, who aided City Attorney George Starrett in convincing the negro boot-legger. The youthful witness caused much laughter in the court room. When asked by the city attorney if he were the son of "Fighting Johnnie," he replied, "No, I am not his son. He is my father." It took much persuasion to show him that he was Rogers' son if the old man were his father.

Young Rogers testified that he was present when his father bought the liquor from the negro. "How did you know that the bottle contained whiskey," asked Lakenan Price, attorney for Shields, of the youthful witness. "I drank some of it," calmly replied the lad. "My father frequently gives me whiskey."

"Fighting Johnnie" Rogers lived in Mexico many years. He was well known in local police circles.

### MOLINO LETTER.

Molino, Mo., Sept. 19.—Mrs. W. B. Marshall of Mexico visited last Monday and Tuesday with H. L. Weaver and Mrs. R. L. Heizer.

Mesdames L. F. Tanner and Chas. Leeper of Montana after a short stay with H. L. Weaver's left Tuesday for Skinner neighborhood to visit relatives.

Mrs. R. L. Heizer spent several days in Mexico with her daughter, Mrs. Montgomery, who has been quite ill. She is some better at this writing.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Flynt and baby visited in Boone county several days last week.

Harry Heizer has the basement and foundation ready for his new bungalow.

Mrs. John Heizer and daughter, Fern, visited Mrs. James Carpenter of Santa Fe Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Nan Williams and daughter, Miss Crystal, were Santa Fe visitors Wednesday.

H. L. Weaver was in Santa Fe Thursday.

Miss Mary Henderson was the guest of Mrs. Peyton Cawthorn Saturday.

Mrs. Janette Weaver of Mexico was the guest of Miss Leota Weaver Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Cawthorn called on Mrs. Powell and daughter, Miss Nell, of Chicago, at the home of Walter Drake last Thursday afternoon.

Delegates to the Audrain Association that meets at West Culver Church are Mr. and Mrs. Will Heizer and Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker. Alternates are Misses Leota Weaver, Florence Heizer, R. L. Heizer and R. L. Miller.

Mrs. J. F. Flynt is enjoying a visit from her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Bratton, of Boone county.

Miss Cora Mundy entertained Mr. Harry Roland of Vernon county last week.

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**FOR SALE.**  
The undersigned, as executor of the estate of Lucinda Steffens, deceased, offers for sale the Steffens Home known as No. 1017, North Jefferson street, Mexico, Mo. The dwelling is a fine two-story brick, in good repair. The above is a bargain and the place must be sold soon.  
sept21 John W. Howell, Executor.

**Farm for Sale.**—42 acres about half in cultivation, rest in woods pasture. Good house and outbuildings fair. Woven wire fences. Three and one-half miles southeast of Benton City. Price \$1,750. Apply to Martin Hildebrand, R. 1 on mail route, Martinsburg, Mo., or Message office.

**FOR RENT.**—7-room house centrally located. All modern conveniences. Terms reasonable. Phone 370.

**Found.**—A man's new glove. Describe your loss, pay for this notice and get your hand-warmer.

**For Sale.**—A Peerless Jewell stove; also a Monitor Oak, No. 16. Inquire of G. Zaugg, N. Wade street.

**J. P. Davenport & Sons**, two miles northwest of Thompson, will have a big sale of 66 head of live stock on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Watch for bills and for full notice in the papers.

A marriage license was issued this week to Mr. Orla Romjue and Miss Dorothy Whitesides, both of the Thompson neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleeter of Farber were in Mexico Tuesday. They will leave in a few days for a trip thru Colorado.



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